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The Senate met at 9:15 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Richard C. Halverson, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.—Deuteronomy 6:4-7.

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of our fathers, we pray this morning for our families. Be especially with those who are traumatized by the process of moving to Washington—finding a residence and settling in a new neighborhood—as the typical Senate schedule begins to build. Help your servants to take seriously the fact that the foundation of the social order is the family. As the family disintegrates, society collapses. Grant to every spouse and every child a special dispensation of grace as the process of legislation demands more and more time from Senators and staffs.

Gracious Father in Heaven, bless our families. Help us to be faithful to them in giving our love, attention, and care. Help us to be faithful to ourselves, allowing time to receive the love, patience, and support from our families which we need and depend upon so much.

Eternal God, as I close this prayer, thank you for the great privilege of

serving the Senate through seven Congresses. In the name of the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the acting majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time until 9:30 be equally divided between the two leaders, and that at 9:30 we resume consideration of S. 2, the congressional coverage bill.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the hour of 9:30 a.m. having arrived, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 2, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2) to make certain laws applicable to the legislative branch of the Federal Government.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Ford-Feingold amendment No. 4, to prohibit the personal use of accrued frequent

flyer miles by Members and employees of the Congress.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The amendment of Mr. FORD, No. 4, is pending.

Mr. FORD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, this amendment I have before the Senate merely prohibits the use of taxpayer dollars for personal use; that is, the frequent flyer mileage miles that are built up as a result of expense-paid trips back to our States. That is simply what it is.

I understand that my friends on the other side of the aisle are not ready to accept it, and particularly not ready for a vote.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my amendment be set aside, and I further ask unanimous consent that Senator WELLSTONE be recognized for the introduction of an amendment.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FORD. I thank the Chair.

Mr. WELLSTONE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Minnesota is recognized.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Thank you, Mr. President. I thank the Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. President, yesterday, in introducing an amendment with Senator LEVIN of Michigan, Senator FEINGOLD, and Senator LAUTENBERG which dealt with lobby disclosure but mainly with gift bans, I on the floor of the Senate read from what I think is a very, very interesting, very important, and very revealing piece in Roll Call of October 17, 1994. The title is, "How Lobbyists Put Meals, Gifts to Work."

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